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Dear Prospective Dietetics Student:

In August 2012 we completed our application for continuing accreditation of our Didactic Program in Dietetics (DPD) and participated in a site visit in December. Subsequently we submitted a follow-up document with additional information. Unfortunately, I regret to inform you that, at the April meeting of the Accreditation Council for Nutrition and Dietetics (ACEND) board, our Program was placed on probation. This decision was based on our lack of documented compliance with some of the accreditation standards.

Probation is a temporary accreditation status. When we resolve the areas of noncompliance and correct our deficiencies, we will submit the evidence that our program has come into compliance to the ACEND board for review. At that time the Board can remove the probationary status if we meet the standards. This probationary status does not prevent us from accepting new students into the Program. Students currently enrolled in the Program or who enroll in the Program while we are on probation will still be considered graduates of an accredited program, pending the student's successful completion of the Program requirements. This means that this status does not impact your ability to apply for an internship.

Be assured that we will be doing all within our power to regain full accreditation. If you decide to attend TSU and major in Dietetics, you can assist us in our desire to remove the probationary status by doing your best to achieve the highest scholastic record possible and building your credentials, such that you will be the best prepared you can possibly be for entry into your chosen profession. We thank you for considering TSU as your college of choice, and hope you will still join us in our pursuit of excellence.

Sincerely,

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